

Claims 1 3, and 4 (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) The carry-on luggage case of ~~claim 1~~ ~~claim 17~~ wherein said unit is removable.

5. (currently amended) The carry-on luggage case of ~~claim 1~~ ~~claim 17~~ wherein said tapered portion further comprises texture on an outside surface of said tapered portion for the comfort of a passenger's socked feet resting thereupon when said case is being stowed under a passenger's seat.

6. (currently amended) The carry-on luggage case of ~~claim 1~~ ~~claim 17~~ further comprising a ~~telescoping~~ ~~towing~~ handle and wheels for ease of transportation.

7. (previously presented) The carry-on luggage case of claim 6 wherein said wheels are castor wheels.

8-16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A carry-on luggage case having a tapered upper portion that comprises within a main packing compartment a unit comprising relatively stiff dividers that remain at a substantial angle to a horizontal plane when said luggage case is laying down and when said luggage case is standing in an upright position, said luggage case further comprising a dually accessible pouch having a top edge near the tapered upper portion and a bottom edge, the pouch including a zipper access opening configured such that it can be opened along the top edge of said pouch or along a bottom edge of said pouch to access items in the pouch, the zipper access opening further including a securing device that maintains the zipper access opening closed along the bottom edge of

the pouch while permitting access to the items in the pouch through the zipper access opening along the top edge of the pouch so that items are not lost when the case is shifted from a resting position to an upright position.